



The ECEAP Philosophy

- ✧ Children benefit from comprehensive early childhood services that foster healthy development and school readiness.
- ✧ The primary contributor to a child's development is the family.
- ✧ Community resources support child and family development, learning, and well-being.
- ✧ Partnerships in local communities help families achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

"ECEAP encouraged me as my child's primary teacher and helped me in the classroom to feel like a valuable part of the team. Staff encouraged me to apply for a job working in an ECEAP program, which has been a choice I've loved."

- ECEAP Parent



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What is ECEAP?

The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a whole-child, family-focused preschool program designed to help low-income and at-risk children and their families succeed in school and life.

Services include:

- ✧ Learning in a preschool setting
- ✧ Health screening and assistance with follow-up medical and dental care
- ✧ Healthy snacks and meals
- ✧ Family Support including help accessing resources and social services

Who Can Participate?

Four- and three-year-old children and their families that are at 110% of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible. This includes families receiving public assistance, children in foster care, and parents with limited incomes who are working or in school.

110% of 2006
Poverty
Guidelines for
the 48
Contiguous
States &
District of
Columbia

Size of Family Unit	Annual Income
2	\$14,520
3	\$18,260
4	\$22,000
5	\$25,740
6	\$29,480
7	\$33,220
For family units larger than seven add \$3,740 for each additional member.	



Why ECEAP?

Quality preschool programs greatly benefit children, families, and the community. Studies show for every dollar spent on preschool programs, the community can expect four to seven dollars in benefits. These benefits include:

- ✧ Fewer children repeating grades and/or needing Special Education services
- ✧ Increased employment rates and earnings
- ✧ Improved health for children and families
- ✧ Increased high school graduation rates and college attendance
- ✧ Reduced crime, poverty, and teen pregnancy
- ✧ Reduced welfare claims

ECEAP Values Diversity

Cultural awareness is an integral part of the ECEAP classroom. Children's family backgrounds are honored, and they learn about one another's family traditions. Bilingual or translation services may be available at your local program.

Teachers report that only 60% of new kindergarteners are "ready for school" and fully prepared for kindergarten.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children



Where is ECEAP?

There are ECEAP sites throughout Washington, which are run by 33 contractors. ECEAP sites are located in a variety of settings, including schools, child care centers, and community and faith-based facilities.

For more information on your nearest ECEAP provider, please contact us at (360) 725-2830.

A list of ECEAP providers is also available on our website at www.del.wa.gov/eceap.

"The teachers and family service workers have been caring, compassionate, encouraging, and a motivational team. They have supported my family through some unbearable obstacles in our life."

- ECEAP Parent

